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ROBERT ERLING

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Millwright

TESTIFIED (pages 140 et seq.):

He now lives at Johnson Farm in New Brunswick's City Limits and has lived in general vicinity all his life (140).

Entered De Russeys Lane in Ford touring car from Hamilton Street on Thursday evening, September 14th and drove to point opposite a spring near the Easton Avenue end but on Hamilton Street side of crab apple tree (140-1). Was there for an hour and a quarter to an hour and a half before attention attracted (141).

Saw no wagon at any time (141).

Saw Mrs. Gibson riding on her mule between nine and ten (142).

She stopped at side of his car for half a minute and looked in (142).

CROSS EXAMINATION:

First time he ever told his story (143).

Read newspapers four years ago (143).

Saw Mrs. Gibson's story and never mentioned his seeing Mrs. Gibson until about two years ago to Nellie Lo Russell when he asked her what she thought about it (144).

Kept quiet to protect the girl with him (144).

Won't tell girl's name and has not to date (144-5).

Entered lane with headlights on about 8.30 (146). It was dark but not quite dark (147).

Only girl with him (147).

Was in Lane two or three hours (147-8).

Walked back towards Hamilton Street with the girl and returned to car and sat (148).

Headlights out while parked (149).

Saw Mrs. Gibson between 9 and 10 (150).

Spring between 2 and 3,000 feet from crab apple tree (150).

Did not notice Mrs. Gibson's clothes, whether she had a hat on or stirrups (150).

Knew Mrs. Gibson because he had done business with her (151).

Exchanged no words with her in Lane (151-2).

Remained in Lane an hour after Mrs. Gibson passed (152).

Ford sedan and touring car were parked in Lane on Easton Avenue side of Erling and later ran by him towards Hamilton Street (152-3).

Erling heard no shots (153).

Was between 2,000 and 3,000 feet from crab apple tree (153).

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Has good hearing (154).

Did not see Mr. Stevens or Mr. Carpender (154).

Mrs. Gibson went towards Hamilton Street (155).

Entered Lane about 8 o'clock (155).

Saw Mrs. Gibson about hour and a half later (155).

Sold Mrs. Gibson corn stalks. Collected laundry from her (156).

Did not know when he saw her last before murders (156-7).

Has not talked with Mrs. Gibson about the murders (157).

When he read papers realized bodies were found within 2,000 or 3,000 feet of where he had been Thursday night (157-8).

His walk took half an hour and went away from his car (161).

Walked slowly and did not stop (162).

Saw Mrs. Gibson about fifteen minutes after the walk (163).

Said his companion knew Mrs. Gibson (163).

Was parked until at least 10.30 (165).

Saw no wagon, but a truck with one lantern (Siple) about 15 minutes before seeing Mrs. Gibson (165).

As truck passed his companion shouted "Where is your lights" (165).